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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON PRESS LEAK OF  
EASTERN PROPOSAL

REF: VIENNA 9474

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. FOR MBFR DEL: WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO CONFIDENTIALITY  
OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AND DO NOT WISH TO ADD TO PUBLIC/  
PRESS DEBATE COMPARING EASTERN AND WESTERN POSITION.  
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2. WE HOPE PRESS PLAY OF CURRENT LEAK OF EASTERN PROPOSAL CAN BE CONTAINED. THUS FAR, TREATMENT HERE MINOR AND LOW KEY.

3. THEREFORE, WE WANT TO REVIEW SITUATION BEFORE AGREEING TO ELABORATE CONTINGENCY BACKGROUND STATEMENT TRANSMITTED REFTEL. WE ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THIS STATEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, BACKGROUNDER WOULD REVEAL MUCH ABOUT SOVIET PROPOSAL NOT YET IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, AND TREATMENT OF A NUMBER OF ISSUES, E.G. AIRCRAFT AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NEEDS REVISION. WE PLAN TO SEND YOU FURTHER VIEWS ON TEXT PENDING YOUR REPORT ON FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN AD HOC GROUP. UNTIL THEN SUGGEST YOU CONTINUE TO

DRAW ON VIENNA 9202

4. YOU SHOULD INFORM AD HOC GROUP OF ABOVE.

5. FOR US MISSION NATO: YOU MAY AS APPROPRIATE TAKE ABOVE INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY DISCUSSIONS IN NATO. KISSINGER

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